

Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

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We welcome this month:

Mr & Mrs E. Cunningham, 2 Foxhollow
Mr & Mrs H. Laver, 31 Otter Close
Mr & Mrs Shears, 9 Almond Grove
Mr & Mrs E. Heatley, 10 Almond Grove
Mr & Mrs A. Bennett, 11 Almond Grove

THE LAST NEWS OF '75 - SOME GOOD, SOME BAD

First the good news - The new committee has held its first meeting and during the next few months hopes to come forward with a positive and re-vitalised programme for 1976.

Now the bad - To meet ever increasing costs the membership fee is having to be raised.

NEW FEE WILL BE 75p A YEAR

Like every other voluntary organisation the Association is not immune from inflation. Just as your costs have been going up during the past year so have ours until the time has arrived when only an increase in the membership fee will save us from severe financial problems.

This year the fee will be 75p - a 50% increase on the last time we collected. BUT A 50% INCREASE AFTER 9 YEARS. We doubt whether many other organisations can claim similar success in keeping down costs.

The new charge represents LESS THAN 1½ PENCE A WEEK PER HOUSEHOLD. Surely it is worth this much to belong to the village and to support its community spirit! Collectors will be calling on you during the next few weeks. We hope you will be able to support us in '76.

OUR OWN "NEW FACES"

Following the Association's annual meeting, when several of our former well-known members opted for a well earned "retirement", the new committee has a number of new faces.

One of those we hope you will get to know well during the next year belongs to our new chairman Gerry Brunning who lives at 29 Otter Close. A local boy married to a local girl and proud father of a recently born baby girl, Gerry is a keen youth worker and has been doing a great deal "behind-the-scenes" on the village adventure playground project. Tremendously enthusiastic about the work of the association and its prospects for 1976 his main aim will be to ensure that the committee and its members take an active interest in events in the village in his year of office.

A list of his "gallant band" - both old and new - will appear in January's issue.

SUPPORT US, SUPPORT THE NEWS, SAYS GERRY

"What with walking the floor until 4am, washing nappies and all the other household chores associated with the new arrival I'm afraid I have not had much time to put pen to paper for a Chairman's message. But I do think it is important to remind everyone (ourselves included) of the aims of the association -

- * to keep residents informed of matters of interest to them;
- * to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties;
- * to raise funds and promote the interest of Bar Hill.

I hope that during the coming year you will support us so that we can make a very real contribution to these objectives. Remember that the Association can only operate effectively if it gets a feedback of information, ideas and views from the people it represents. There have been a number of changes on our committee and I hope you will ensure that you get to know your local representative. After all he or she is your link to the organisation that exists to serve you.

The regular contact which you have with the Association is through the Bar Hill News whose format has changed considerably since it started in December 1967. At the AGM several useful suggestions were made as to how we might be able to cut the mounting production costs of the newsletter. All these ideas will be looked at in detail by the committee during the year. We know the News is enjoyed and appreciated by all residents, and hope the increased membership subscription (which has already been mentioned) will help us to continue to deliver it to every house on the village.

It is interesting to know that several people - who do not live in Bar Hill - are looking into the possibility of a similar publication for their own areas after having read the News.

Finally as the newly elected chairman I promise that I will carry out my duties to the very best of my ability.

Gerry Brunning, Chairman
Crafts Hill 81085

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

All of you will be aware that Kevin Read-Jones was one of the officers who decided not to continue in office for another year. The task of taking up the secretary's pen and assuming the role of guide and mentor to the committee has fallen to Mary Ingram, our former vice-chairman. Although she feels she may have been "press-ganged" into the job by the charm of her predecessor she nevertheless hopes to carry on the work with tact and efficiency. All she asks is that you don't shout too much until she has settled into the hot-seat!

So, in keeping with the changes, the Secretary's Notepad will be now known as:

MARY'S MEMO

The AGM on November 10th, which unfortunately only attracted a handful of people, heard a report from chairman Ken Anderson on the year's activities including the village fete, dances and the firework display. He also referred to the two presentations made during 1975 to John Wills for his hard work on producing the Hews and to Dr. Pease on her retirement.

Presentation

To mark his retirement after five years as secretary of the BHRA a small presentation was made to Kevin Read-Jones. A presentation was also made by Mr Parrott on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finances

Treasurer George Clapinski gave details of the association's finances, namely:

Income	£677.64	
Expenditure	£559.62	
Income brought forward	£215.68	(which includes £170 for the adventure playground project)

Balance at 15.11.75 £332.62

Firework Money

You may have seen that we had a surplus after the firework collection. It has been decided to use some of the money for the adventure playground and keep the rest to offset inflation on next year's display. The actual amounts will be decided by the committee.

Membership fee

The proposal to increase the subscription by 25p to 75p came from the floor of the meeting. It was discussed, accepted and the constitution will be revised to include the new charge.

10th Anniversary

Ideas are urgently wanted for ways of celebrating the village's first decade. One which is to be looked at by the committee is the publication of a Bar Hill "history". Any thoughts?

Names to remeber

Now that the Information Office has closed there is no direct line of communication with the developers. If you have a problem the person to contact is the Managing Director,

Mr David Calverley,
Bar Hill Developments,
Mitcham House,
681 Mitcham Road,
Croydon. Tel. 01-689-2266.

For television aerial problems get in touch with:

Mr Haynes,
12a King Street,
Sudbury,
Suffolk. Tel. 078-73-73181.

MARY'S MEMO cont.

We are sorry that we have not got more to show for over 12 months work on the Adventure Playground. Unfortunately the plans for the brickwall have not gone through the planning authorities to date, although we are assured that we shall have something positive early in the new year.

Parking

Once again there have been parking problems at the top end of Otter Close. Please ask your visitors to park on the garage forecourts rather than parking on the road and causing traffic jams.

Baby Sitting Rota

Only 7 new families contacted us to join the rota. We feel sure that many more families do need baby sitters in the evenings, so please do contact either Jo Hall (80304) or Janet Wood (80573) as the rota will only work efficiently if there are plenty of people to contact on a busy night!

That's all until the New Year. I hope you all have a very happy Christmas.

Mary Ingram, Secretary
Crafts Hill 80447

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

From our last meeting there are some comments below. For anyone wishing to use the Village Green Hut for a meeting we at present make no charge for its use and heating has very recently been arranged. Please contact me for further information.

Information Centre. At present the cost of keeping this open is not justified. While this is the developer's cost it is hoped that it can soon be re-opened.

Bank Opening. No change at present in the number of days but we are promised a further review of the matter in April 1976.

County Structure Plan. The leaflets explaining the objects of the Plan have been available at the Post Office and my house as well as elsewhere in the County. There is still time for comments to be made to the County Council Planning Dept.

Draft Local Plan for Bar Hill. The closing date for comments to be made is the end of November. The Parish Council have a number of comments to make on behalf of the village; comments arising from the two meetings held to discuss the Plan and from Council discussion.

Tescos. I quote the reasons given by the District Planners for refusing the first application - "by reason of the Superstore's design bulk and massing it would be an obtrusive element unduly dominating the central area and destroying the general scale of the existing buildings immediately adjacent". We await a second application which we hope will attempt to relate the building to its location.

PARISH COUNCIL cont.

Fairway Housing. One application was considered some time ago on which houses of a pre-determined style were to be built. We have now received an amended application showing the area broken into plots with no house type specified.

Beyond Pheasant Rise. A revised application was considered, this time for 156 houses and bungalows. Many earlier comments by the Council appear to have been taken into account and in particular the use of 5 different house types will be an improvement.

When the enclosure Award for Dry Drayton was made one of the field names recorded was "Stonefield", while another was "Little Meadow". These two names are the Parish Council suggestions to the District Council for Phase 4 (2 roads off the perimeter road). Others may of course suggest otherwise, so the matter is by no means finalised.

Community Health Council is a type of "watch-dog for the NHS and has just published its first annual report. If you want to make suggestions about any aspect of the NHS they are the people to contact at 21 Trumpington Street (Secretary Mrs Merrick, Tel.62638).

Bus Services. Because the total demand at 8am for transport can be satisfied by a double-decker, the relief service which used the 186 route down Hills Road has now been withdrawn. The relief will be reinstated when the village peak requirement exceeds 70 people. As I'm no longer a regular bus-user perhaps someone will remember to remind the Council when they have to stand between Bar Hill and Cambridge on the 191.

Warehouses. The buildings outside the perimeter road, to the north of the village will be a number of warehouse units. Could parents please remember the dangers of such sites and watch/warn their children.

Alan Reason Homes are the builders working for the Finance House who were supporting Nunns on Phase 7 (Hollytrees). At present they are finishing off the part-complete houses/bungalows and may well continue to complete the other part of Hollytrees over the stream.

One Vacancy. Nigel Martin is moving to Durham after having been a Councillor since August 1974. We wish him and his wife well and offer our thanks for his work.

The Council will fill this vacancy by co-option. The person co-opted will hold office until the May 1976 election (ie. 5 Council meetings at most) Will anyone wishing to be considered please contact me. Proposal in a formal manner is not required, merely a note from yourself. Please let me know of your interest by at latest December 10th

Finally although television communal aerial systems are a nuisance the Developers do have the right to lay cables and to maintain the system; on the otherhand they are not amiss to suggestions for the line of the cable.

Next Meeting December 16th (3rd Tuesday of the month). Any members of the public are welcome to attend at 8pm, Village Green Hut. Heating of a more adequate nature is now arranged. Details of the next meeting will be posted in advance of the meeting on the notice-board in the Mall.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk,
28 Acorn Avenue, Crafts Hill 80400

1st BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

It never rains but it pours!!!!

How true that old saying is! No sooner than we think we are getting on top of our problems when another one crops up. Just when we were starting to think that our problems concerning the running of the Wednesday evening Cub Pack were nearly over we hear that Ron Page, Skip of the Scout Troop is going to leave the village and would not be able to carry on after the end of the current year. A bitter blow, but one we are determined to get over. Ron himself came to our aid at a time when the Troop was in trouble and we hope that the village can now produce another person to take charge at this time. Ron proved that it could be done, he had been out of scouting for many years but within a very short space of time was in the swing of it again and helping to get scouting for the older boys off the ground in the village. He will be missed, not only by his fellow scouters but by the boys in the Troop who know him simply as Skip. Thanks Ron, for all you have done and the best of luck to you and Val for your new life in the West Country. Fancy having a go at being the new Skip? Contact Jack Bulger, 34 Acorn Avenue (Phone 80292) who will be delighted to hear from you.

Did you remember?

No, we are not talking about firework night but the waste paper collection. Our comments in the last newsletter seemed to stir up some interest but the amount collected was still well below average and we are worried that if this continues the waste paper company may decide it is uneconomical to provide us with a lorry. Two areas in particular, Foxhollow and Pheasant Rise give us very little support, only about one house in twenty putting out their waste paper. To those who continue to support us, may we say a big THANK YOU. To the remainder, in particular the roads mentioned could we once again ask for your support. It doesn't take a lot of effort to put your daily papers, maga zines, cardboard etc. in a plastic bag or box and keep it in the garage for us. It costs you so little and means so very much to the many boys in the village who belong to our Cub Packs and Scout Troop. Our next collection will be on Saturday 13th December starting at 9am so do try and put out your paper early for us. Thanks in advance to all who help.

Christmas is coming

Both the Cub Packs and the Troop will be standing down over the Christmas holidays. The last meetings will be on Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th December and the sections will be starting up again on Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th January 1976.

Goodbye Kit

As regular readers will know, Kit Brown is giving up the running of the Wednesday evening Cub Pack at the end of this current term. Kit and her husband have been in the scouting movement for many years and their move from the village is a loss to us all. They started the first Bar Hill Cub Pack some years ago when the village first started to attract buyers. This pack had to meet in the school playground as there was no where else for it to be held. As the village went through its early convulsions of developers falling by the wayside and growth stopped, so the raw material of scouting dried up, no more boys. The Pack closed. Then two years ago twelve months after the new pack had been formed, the number of boys wanting to join and who were on the waiting list forced us to form a second pack. Kit took over the running of this pack and in two years has

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provided the village with a group of boys it can be proud of. Kit brought a vast experience of scouting knowledge with her into the lives of the boys who met and still meet on Wednesday evenings. She will not be easy to replace. Thanks Kit, for all you have done and our best regards to Fred and yourself.

Gerry Craske.

BAR HILL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THANKS, many thanks to the BROWNIES who by their efforts have raised £10 which they very kindly donated towards the MINIBUS FUND.

Dates for your Diary

6th December

The children in two classes of the Juniors (Mrs Roberts' and Miss Brown's) are holding a Jumble Sale in the school in aid of the SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. The kids came up with the idea and they've done the work. It lasts from 10am till midday. Make sure you come - the kids are relying on you.

9th & 10th December

Children's Christmas Concert in the school.

17th December

Carol Service in school, in the evening the Wandering Singers will be going round the village singing carols - just for fun, no collection. Come and join us. Refreshments and a surprise for the children in the school afterwards.

7th February

Valentines Dance in the school. Tickets on sale after Christmas. Only a limited number available - priority (to begin with) to parents and friends of the school.

18th February

"If only they'd taught me like that"
A Film Show on how maths is (or are?) taught; Bob Stone, County Advisor on Maths to talk and answer questions. If you're puzzled by Sets, Cuisenaire or the mysterious Fletcher - come along. All will be revealed - mathematically!

WEA EVENING CLASSES - SPRING TERM

Please note: the preliminary meeting for the SPRING TERM course will be held at the school on Wednesday 17th December 1975, at 8pm. I ventured to suggest this departure from the norm in view of the great difficulties experienced in obtaining the set books for the Autumn term.

The tutor next term is A. Banerjee, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., whose field is modern English and American literature, including the post-war dramatists. He is very willing to come and discuss our preferences before settling his syllabus and the Christmas break will afford an ideal opportunity to get ahead with our reading for the course and,

WEA EVENING CLASSES cont.

incidentally, enable any book tokens etc. to be put to good use.

The cost of our ten-week course is, once again, dependent upon the number of students. In the autumn term students had a REFUND of 20p each from the initial charge of £2.25. (Compare that with the cost of other evening classes.) Concessions are made to retirement pensioners, married couples, students in full-time education and those on social security benefits. We can also discuss at the preliminary meeting the most convenient time and/or day for our meetings (although again provisionally booked for Wednesday evenings the day could be changed if a majority would prefer another day).

SEE YOU AT THE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 1975 at 8pm.

Edith Hamill, WEA Branch Secretary,
23 Acorn Avenue (80471)

PLAYGROUP NEWS

A Bumper Fair: We had a large number of people at the fair and we hope they all went away satisfied customers. Our thanks are due not only to those people who came and supported us, but also our many helpers - those on the day and those people who for weeks had been producing all the things we had for sale. It was a highly successful event and we are pleased to report the profit will be over £400. The money will go into our buildings fund.

Toy auction: This will be held on Friday December 5th at 8pm in the school. The toys should be brought in between 7-15 and 7-45pm marked with the seller's name and reserve price (if any). Please note it is the reserve price and not the selling price as mentioned last month. The playgroup will retain 25%

Next term: We have increased the number of sessions to 8 a week next term. Even with the extra session we shall only be able to take a few new starters. Parents of all the children who will be offered places will be notified by letter before the end of the term.

BAR HILL CHURCH

Due to lack of interest the creche, which was to be run during the first two weeks in December to help mothers wishing to go Christmas shopping, will not now be run.

Services are held every Sunday at 10am and 8pm. A creche is provided at the morning service. Everybody is welcome.

Details of services during Christmas will be published later on the church notice-board.

Dates to remember

Wednesday 3rd December (2-30pm)

Pre-Christmas Bible reading in the Church Centre. A creche will be provided.

BAR HILL CHURCH cont.

Wednesday 17th December (10am - noon)

Christmas coffee morning - coffee and mince pies.

Wednesday 17th December (2-30pm)

Carol service for people with small children.

Thursday 18th December (1pm - 2-30pm)

Lunch in the Church Centre. Tickets from Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close.

Saturday 10th January (4pm - 7pm)

Children's party including a children's film show.

ROUND AND ABOUT

Guides' Coffee Evening - The Guides are holding a coffee evening in the School Lounge on Tuesday 16th December at 6-45pm. Cakes and Christmas gifts will be on sale.

Retired Residents Club - A dinner party is to be held at the Cambridgeshire Hotel on Monday December 8th (7-30pm for 8pm). Enquiries to either Mrs Price, 9 Acorn Avenue (80501) or Miss Moss. There will be no other meeting during December.

Wildlife - Many thanks to all those who supported the recent Wildlife coffee morning. It raised £33.50.

Children's Society - The coffee morning held in October for the Church of England Children's Society realised £13.82.

Save the Children - A jumble sale in aid of the Save the Children Fund will be held in the school on Saturday December 6th (10am - noon). The event has been organised by children in the first year classes so please come along and make their efforts worthwhile.

Litter Collection - The 1st Bar Hill Brownie Guides thank all those who helped them raise £37 for their sponsored litter collection. Anyone wishing to help with the guides should contact Mrs Harbottle. (80232)

Fermenters' Festivities - The Christmas Party, STRICTLY MEMBERS ONLY, will be held in the small school hall on Saturday 13th December at 8pm. Tickets 50p each available from the secretaries Alan Brown, 7 Foxhollow (80467) or Norman Chapman, 8 Partridge Drive. As usual there will be plenty of "real ale", punch and food. Members should also note that membership fees for 1975-6 are due now. There is NO increase (50p).

Main Road closed - The main road will be closed on 7th and 14th December (both Sundays) on the Huntingdon side of the A604 at the Bar Hill junction for flyover work.

Whose got the tester? - Somewhere on the village there is a motoring enthusiast who has a compression tester which does not belong to him! The gentleman borrowed the tester from the Motoring Association during the summer and has failed to return it. So please give it a Merry

WHOSE GOT THE TESTER cont.

Christmas and return it to its fellow equipment before the end of the month. Thank you.

A note of thanks - As parents of someone who enjoys the regular weekly sessions of the "Thursday Club", we would like to record our appreciation of the time and effort given to the children of Bar Hill by Ron Meadows and Mr and Mrs Wooldridge.

Nearly New Sale - The next sale will be held on 2nd December 7-30 - 9pm and 3rd December 10am - 12 noon, in the Church Centre. Please mark articles with your name, address, price and size if possible and bring them at the time of the sale. One third of the proceeds goes to the Church funds. Please collect all unsold items by 12 noon on the 3rd December. Any clothing for sale should be clean. A 5p entry fee will be charged. Now is the time to buy some party dresses!

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

TO ALL OUR PASSENGERS

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

RED CAB SERVICE (PRIVATE HIRE)
100 PHEASANT RISE,
BAR HILL.

Telephone CRAFTS HILL 81006

Bookings are now being taken for Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve. We regret to inform you that our service will be closed from 12 noon on Christmas Day to 8am Boxing Day.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION present

A GRAND CHRISTMAS DANCE

on Friday 12th December 8pm - 1am

at the Church Centre

DANCING to MAGNUS OPUS and RIGHT TRACK DISCO

TICKETS £1 from

Janet Wood, 3 Almond Grove
Mary Ingram, 17 Otter Close
George Clapinski, 133 Pheasant Rise

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